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LOS ANGELES

At the November election in Los Angeles County a charter amendment was adopted which separated the **office of Coroner** from that of Public Administrator and required that the coroner be a certified pathologist. The office will in effect be like that of a medical examiner. The coroner will also have an appointment as professor of forensic pathology in the three medical schools in Los Angeles.

The proposal was adopted by a four to one majority. A record of the **materials utilized in this election** is to be preserved in the library of the Los Angeles County Medical County Association for use wherever needed for similar elections elsewhere, the association said.

General topics which are to be discussed in detail by a number of speakers at the seventeenth annual **Congress on Industrial Health** to be held February 4 to 6 in Los Angeles are as follows:

Vision in Industry: Part I, Monday, February 4, 2:00 p.m.; Part II, Tuesday, 9:00 a.m.

Health Hazards of Agricultural Chemicals: Tuesday, 2:00 p.m.

New Concepts in Management of Burns: Wednesday, 9:00 a.m.

New Developments in Hearing Loss Due to Industrial Noise: Wednesday, 2:00 p.m.

The period March 10 to 14 has been set for the 1957 **Alumni Postgraduate Convention** of the College of Medical Evangelists School of Medicine in Los Angeles.

Prefaced by two days of refresher courses, March 10 and 11, at the White Memorial Hospital on the C.M.E. Los Angeles campus, the three-day scientific assembly will include lectures, panels and scientific exhibits for visiting physicians. Designed primarily for general practitioners, the meeting is open to all physicians regardless of specialty or school affiliation.

Dr. Joseph F. Ross, professor of medicine and associate dean of the U.C.L.A. School of Medicine, has been named a member of the National Advisory Cancer Council by Surgeon General L. E. Burney of the U. S. Public Health Service of the Department of Health, Education, and Welfare. Dr. Ross will assist in formulating the National Advisory Cancer Council's recommendations to the Surgeon General regarding research activities of the National Cancer Institute.

MONTEREY

Dr. Alan Gregg of Big Sur was named one of this year's winners of the Albert Lasker Award, the American Public Health Association announced recently. A retired vice-president of the Rockefeller Foundation, Dr. Gregg was cited for 40 years of service in the fields of public health, medical education and research.

SAN FRANCISCO

Dr. David A. Wood, director of the Cancer Research Institute of the University of California Medical Center, San Francisco, was elected president of the American Cancer Society at its meeting in New York last month. Dr. Wood and **Dr. Ian Macdonald**, of Los Angeles, were reelected to the board of directors.

The election of **Dr. Francis L. Chamberlain**, San Francisco, to vice-presidency of the American Heart Association was announced at the recent annual meeting of the association in Chicago.

Under the sponsorship of Stanford University School of Medicine, **David McK. Rioch, M.D.**, Director, Division of Neuropsychiatry at Walter Reed Hospital, Washington, D. C., will present the **Jake Gimbel Lectures** on Sex Psychology at 8:15 p.m., January 14, 16 and 17, in Lane Hall, 2398 Sacramento Street. Dr. Rioch also will present two lectures at Stanford University, one the evening of January 15 and one the afternoon of January 17. Members of the medical profession, including practitioners and medical students, and other interested persons are cordially invited to attend.

At the annual dinner meeting of the San Francisco chapter of the **Pan American Medical Association** honoring the local consular representatives and foreign interns, residents and fellows, the following physicians were elected to office for 1957: **Leonard B. Barnard**, president; **Knox H. Finley**, first vice-president; **Fernando G. Gomez**, second vice-president; **Harold I. Harvey**, treasurer; and **Paul G. Fuerstner**, secretary. Elected regional administrators were **Ray C. Atkinson**, **Suren H. Babington**, **Edward W. Beach**, **Charles C. Falk, Jr.**, **Marius A. Francoz**, **Berthel H. Henning**, **J. Sarraill**, **J. Randolph Sharpsteen** and **Charles P. Mathé**, chairman.

GENERAL

Mr. John Hunton, executive secretary of the California Medical Association, recently accepted appointment to a committee of three medical society executives which acts in an advisory capacity to the National Disease and Therapeutic Index, a service of Taylor, Harkins and Lea, of Philadelphia, designed to provide continuous statistical information for study of the reasons why patients see doctors and the types of treatment they receive.

POSTGRADUATE EDUCATION NOTICES

THIS BULLETIN of the dates of postgraduate education assemblies and the meetings of various medical organizations in California is supplied by the Committee on Postgraduate Activities of the California Medical Association. In order that they may be listed here, please send communications relating to your future medical or surgical programs to: **Mrs. Margaret H. Griffith**, Director, Postgraduate Activities, California Medical Association, 417 South Hill Street, Los Angeles 13.

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Medical Technicians Refresher Course. Thursdays, January 10 through April 18, 1957. Thirty hours. Fee: \$30.00.

Disorders of Fluid and Electrolyte Metabolism, Etiology and Management. Tuesdays, February 5 through March 26, 1957. Sixteen hours. Fee: \$40.00.